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Admiral Stansfield Turner, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, DC

Dear Admiral Turner:

I am currently a doctoral student in the Department of Political Science at the University of Illinois. I am working on a dissertation which explores the relationship between the joint trafficking in small arms and narcotics at the international level.

I would like to request some information that relates to my dissertation topic. First, are there any reports which the CIA can release to me which bear on the international traffic in narcotics? Secondly, are there any reports on the international traffic in small arms and munitions which can be released to me? Thirdly, are there any reports which link the two types of traffic? If so, may I please have a copy? Lastly, any information which the CIA can furnish to me on the manufacture of and trade in small arms and munitions by the Eastern bloc countries and the communist countries of Southeast Asia (including the People's Republic of China) would be greatly appreciated. Relative to all these requests, I am interested in both statistical and descriptive data, which delineates markets, channels of commerce, and the extent and type of organization present in the traffic.

I would also like to know if you can provide me with the names of persons within the CIA whom I can contact directly during the year as my research progresses and questions arise. (I understand that a [redacted] has some responsibility for narcotics intelligence within the CIA). I expect to be on the East Coast during the Christmas holidays and would welcome the opportunity to research and data needs with your representatives at that time.

Should your office be interested, I am willing to share the findings of my study upon its completion. Thank you for your time and kind attention to my requests. Please address any correspondence to my home address, given below, as the University mail system leaves something to be desired.

Sincerely Yours,

James C. Beachell

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